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LAWRENCE, KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Travis S. Loeser**, 21, Lawrence, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on May 3, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to one count of **being a felon in possession of a firearm**.

Melgren said that Loeser admitted at his plea that on November 21, 2003, he possessed a rifle in Lawrence, Kansas. Loeser further admitted that he had been convicted in 2002 of a felony, aggravated battery, in Douglas County, Kansas. Loeser admitted that he knew that because of his prior conviction he was prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

Loeser faces a maximum of ten years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for July 19, 2004.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Lawrence Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.